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what we're trying to do today. We're trying to do that. The same people that say cut on the state level, they don't understand. They don't understand what could happen. I'm not saying it's going to happen in every district or every county or in every school district, but they're going to be faced with a problem of maintaining the services that the general public expects. If we...if education starts to falter in your district, without the programs that most everyone wants, then it's going to be a tragedy. This is our watch right now, this is our watch. Our predecessors had their watch, and they had problems like this also. We are representing the people in our district that the majority of those people said, you are the person we want to go to Lincoln to watch out for our best interests. Sure, we try to do what's best for our district, but when it boils right down to it, you have to do what's best for the whole state. It's ironic, Senator Smith, you talked about South Dakota not having an income tax. Well, just to remind you, they do have a lot of gaming up in that state. I remember four years ago when...(laugh) thank you, Senator Landis...four years ago I introduced a bill to lower the sales tax a half of a percent. We had plenty of money. Well, the next year I was recuperating from heart surgery at home and Senator Chambers called me. He said, Senator, he said, I was wondering if it would be all right with you if Senator Maurstad and I reinstated that half-cent sales tax. Sure, I said, that's fine. The project that he had, I can't remember what it was, but it was a worthy project. I said, be my guest. We gave the citizens a break for a year. We're asking them to belly up to the bar now and bear a little bit of the burden for a year or two years. I don't think that's asking too much. My wife and I went out for dinner last night for our anniversary, cost me 25 bucks. That is what...probably what my income tax increase is going to be, 25 bucks, one night out. That's not much. Thank you for listening to me. I'll give the rest of my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have about a minute and a half.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, let me just lay one factual matter before you. When the Governor, immediately